(c) what are the authorities in Air India who operate these accounts; and

(d) whether these accounts are fully and explicity audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATON (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Air India does not incur any special promotional expenses. It incurs normal sales promotion publicity and advertisement expenses.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) All accounts of Air India are fully audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

Recognised Trade unions in Air India

714. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of recognised trade unions in Air India at present;

(b) what are the details of the terms of recognition of each union;

(c) whether any of the recognised trade unions have office-bearers who are not employees of Air India;; and

(d) if so, what are the details of affiliation and membership of such unions of Air India?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) There are six recognised trade unions in Air India at present.

(b) The criteria laid down in the 15th session of the Indian Labour Conference is followed in recognising unions.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The office-bearers of the following trade unions in Air India are not employees of Air India:—

(i) Air India Employees Guild—Membership 11,200—affiliated to Hind Mazdoor Sabha.

(ii) Air India Cabin Crew Association—Membership 1700—affiliated to Maharashtra Shramik Sena.

(iii) Indian Flight Depatchers' Union—Membership 34—affiliated to Maharashtra Shramik Sena.

Abolition of contract labour system in IA

715. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines employ contract labour for dusting, sweeping and for watch and ward duty in its establishments;

(b) if so, what is their number;

(c) whether Government propose to abolish this system for Indian Airlines; and

(c) whether Government propose to abolish this system for Indian Airlines; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) As a matter of policy Indian Airlines employ regular full-time employees where the work is of perennial nature and is available for sucient duration of time. However, when work is of short duration either the part-time employees or contractual employees are employed in a very few cases.

(b) Out of a total work force of 21,800 in Indian Airlines about 150 persons are employed on contract basis.

(c) and (d) The Government has already appointed a 3 member committee to study the employment of contract labour in the above areas with a view to abolish and/or regulate the employment of contract labour in all the Public Sector Undertakings including Indian Airlines.